



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**TIMMERMAN, Ralf, et al**

Serial No.: 09/423,572

Filed: November 29, 1999

Title: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER  
MATERIAL WITH  
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS

Attorney Docket No.: 01-611-US  
[Prior MO-5366/LEA3]

Examiner: Cole, E.

Art Unit: 1771

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months, through and including January 7, 2002, to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001. The six-month period for responding to the outstanding Office Action expired on January 5, 2002, which was a Saturday. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7, this response is timely by being filed on Monday, January 7, 2002. Please note that a Certificate of Mailing dated January 7, 2002 has been affixed to the Response, thereby meeting the six-month response time.

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

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The Response to Office Action for which this extension is requested

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

The response is the filing of a continuing application on the same date hereof, and the abandonment of this application is expressly conditioned on the granting of a filing date for the continuing application.

Applicant is

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is attached.

has been filed.

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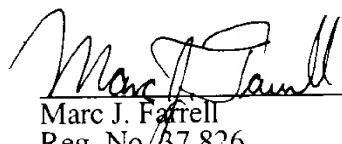
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| <input type="checkbox"/> one month               | \$ 110                | \$ 55               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months              | \$ 400                | \$ 200              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 920                | \$ 460              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months             | \$1,440               | \$ 720              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months             | \$1,960               | \$ 980              |
| <b>Fee:</b>                                      | <b><u>\$1,960</u></b> | <b>\$</b>           |

Applicants enclose herewith a check for \$1,960.00 to cover the extension of time fee for three (3) months, **and request that the overpayment of \$1,040.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.**

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees associated with this communication or credit any additional overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: January 7, 2002

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